

## Imagine

Could a piece of wood fill an odd-shaped void  
As fast as water  
How quickly it would have to separate and into what wedge shapes  
As tho, almost, it hadn't been done at all  
And how poorly in this regard it compares to water.

### Another Context

Imagine in Dylan Thomas's  
seeing logs  
crackling in fire

Or sun on the oaken beams  
at the cummings'

And walking into Burns's  
and seeing on that table  
water in a cup.

### In Favor of Love

The man who's himself  
True to  
Himself  
Can live his life in a moment  
Every moment his life,  
The man who's  
Himself  
Since there's no other way to put it  
Really  
Uncompromises and sees well,  
A buck and a half  
In every cell and pore of his body,  
With a laugh containing  
All life including death  
If that's what it's called.  
The man who's true to himself, in short, lives liveliness  
And plenty of good days.  
The man who's himself gets the girl.

-- Louis McCarty

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